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Enclosed please find our RESPONSE to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006.

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**Response to Office Action**

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2006.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

**Amendment**

**Listing to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment.